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Title: MACRO ASSISTED CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A
HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING MACHINE

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the patent application submitted herewith, which is a divisional of pending U.S. divisional patent application Serial No. 09/797,327 as identified above, the items of information listed on the enclosed Forms 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted either within three months of the filing date or before the first Office Action of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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